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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 595  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Rebecca Leifert for  
being named the First Tennessee District  
Teacher of the Year 2000.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should  
pause to pay tribute to those exemplary individuals who give generously of their time and talents  
to develop the minds of children; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Leifert is one such remarkable public servant, a voice of integrity  
in education, who has been named the First Tennessee District Teacher of the Year 2000; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated professional teaches 6th Grade Language Arts, Science, and  
Computer Classes at Doak Elementary School in Greene County; and

WHEREAS, she has served in her current position for the past three years, and has  
nineteen years of teaching experience to her credit; and

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WHEREAS, she was honored as the Teacher of the Year District Finalist on October 15th, 1999 in Nashville, in recognition of the acumen, industry, and humanity she has exhibited in service of her profession; and

WHEREAS, Dr. E. Vernon Coffey, Commissioner of Education, stated, " We are proud to honor these educators for their outstanding contributions to the education profession and the valuable role they play in the lives of Tennessee's future citizens"; and

WHEREAS, the Teacher of the Year program is supported by corporate sponsors who are interested in rewarding outstanding teachers, such as Rebecca Leifert, in Tennessee's schools; and

WHEREAS, the Teacher of Year program is open to public school teachers from pre-kindergarten through the 12th grade and who have at least five years of teaching experience in Tennessee who spend at least half of their time instructing students; and

WHEREAS, this highly acclaimed program is coordinated by the Office of Teacher Leadership, and selection as a finalist involves an extensive search for candidates, which begins at the school and school-system levels; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Leifert had the opportunity to compete for the Tennessee Teacher of the Year honors, and received \$400 and a plaque for being named the First Tennessee District Teacher of the Year 2000; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Leifert is the perfect example of a person totally committed to community and the highest ideals of public service; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor this outstanding public servant for her numerous contributions to her beloved students and this state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we express our heartfelt congratulations to Greene County's Rebecca Leifert for receiving the District Teacher of the Year Award for 2000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Rebecca Leifert our best wishes for every success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.